

city, upon their warrants, respectively, all persons who shall, within their respective precincts, violate or attempt to violate any of the provisions of this sub-title of this article, or any section thereof, or of any other law touching elections, now existing or hereafter to be enacted; and they are authorized to call upon the sheriff of Baltimore and his deputies, and all constables, policemen or other peace-officers, to serve the said warrants; and they are further authorized and directed at the times and for the periods aforesaid, to call upon the said sheriff and his deputies and other officers last above-mentioned, as well as all private citizens, and if need be to summon the *posse comitatus* to aid them in suppressing riot, violence, disturbance and disorder, and in preserving the public peace, protecting themselves and other voters, and securing the quiet and freedom of the election, and the safety of the ballots and ballot-boxes.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 4, sec. 210.

257. Any person whom the said judges or any of them may so summon, or on whom they may so call to execute the said warrants or aid them, respectively, as hereinbefore provided, who shall refuse to obey such call or summons, shall be liable, respectively, to the penalties following for such refusal, to be recovered by the board of police, by civil action, in the name of the State, that is to say: the said sheriff to a penalty of five thousand dollars, any other peace-officer aforesaid to a penalty of five hundred dollars, and any private citizen to a penalty of one hundred and fifty dollars; and each and every person so refusing shall be liable, moreover, to indictment and such punishment for such refusal as is by law already or as may hereafter be provided.

Ibid. sec. 211.

258. Any officer or person having control, command or keeping of the jail of Baltimore city who shall refuse to receive or detain, and any officer of the corporation of said city who shall prevent or forbid the reception or detention in such jail, of any person so committed by said judges, or any of them, according to the exigency of such commitment, shall be liable to a penalty of